which assistance can be provided to the State Government in this respect.

Fertilizer Consumption

1652. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI LALIT ORAON :
SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the trend of fertilizers consumption in the country for the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether consumption of fertilizers has increased; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to meet the growing demand of fertilizers in the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c). The likely consumption of Fertilizer nutrients during 1996-97 is 164.221 lakh tonnes as against the consumption of 138.77 lakh tonnes during the year 1995-96.

(d) The gap between consumption and production of fertilizers in the country is met through imports. The indigenous production of nitrogenous fertilizers is augmented through further investment in expansion of the capacity through retrofit and revamp of the existing plant to reduce dependence on imports.

[Translation]

Contribution of Agricultural Sector to GDP

1653. SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the contribution of agricultural sector to the Gross Domestic Product has been declining continuously;

(b) if so, the percentage of contribution made by the agricultural sector to GDP in 1950-51, 1980-81 and 1994-95; and

(c) the reasons for continuous decline in the percentage of contribution of agricultural sector to GDP?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The percentage of contribution of agriculture sector to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has been declining. The contribution of Agriculture sector which was 55.4% in 1950-51 declined to 38.1% in 1980-81 and further down to 29.4% in 1994-95.

(c) the decline in the percentage of the contribution made by the agriculture sector to GDP is mainly attributed to relatively higher growth in the manufacturing and services sectors of the economy.

Dairy Products

1654. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether our country is self-sufficient in the matter of dairy product;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether dairy units of the public as well as private sectors are facing problems due to accumulation to stocks of dairy products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The country is self-sufficient in the matter of dairy products is evident from the fact that negligible amounts of major dairy products are imported although imports of dairy products is placed under OGL. Details of major dairy products is placed under OGL. Details of major dairy products imported during last three years is as under :

Name of Product	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 (in Metric Tonnes)
1. SMP*	2198.67	215.12	1102.99
2. IMF**	58.50	9.13	8.27

* SMP - Skimmed Milk Powder
** IMF - Infant Milk Food

(c) and (d). Instances of units either in the public or private sector facing problems due to accumulation of stocks have not come to the notice of the Government in the recent past.

[English]

Sugar Distribution

1655. SHRI HARIN PATHAK :
SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT :
SHRI VIJAY PATEL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether rural dweller is provided only 425 gms. of sugar while a city dweller is provided one kilogram per month;